

Wardington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 7:30pm in the Lady Wardington Room at Wardington Village Hall

Present: Mr R Jarrett (Chairman), Mr M Patterson, Mr G Page, Mrs J Burnett.

In attendance: Clerk.

46. Apologies for absence – Apologies received – Cllr Richard Reid, Cllr Nigel Banks.
Apologies accepted – None.

47. Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda – Cllr George Page declared an interest on planning application 23/01960/PIP as his brother is the applicant therefore he will not vote on this item.

48. Public participation session – Mark Page the applicant of 23/01960/PIP advised that he and his wife are planning for retirement and have no one to pass the business on to hence them looking at the option of selling some of the land for housing.

49. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 25th July 2023 – The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.

50. Planning applications received

23/02021/TCA - St Mary Magdalene Church, Street From Banbury Road To Mount Pleasant, Wardington. T1 - Yew - Dead Standing by Church boundary wall - Section Fell to ground level leaving stump. **No objection.** (Response made using delegated powers).

23/01965/F - Post Office Cottage, Mount Pleasant, Wardington. Proposed rear two story extension, a side extension to replace existing garage and adjoining carriage house. **The Parish Council support this application as the property is clearly in need of some repair and the proposals made will improve the streetscene and will create a home suitable for a growing family which is needed in the village. *Note – it was not possible for the PC to submit this response as the application was withdrawn soon after the meeting.**

23/01960/PIP - Barn Farm Plants, Barn Farm, Thorpe Road, Wardington. To develop the site for 7-9 dwellings with associated access, parking and amenity space. **The Parish Council is concerned about the loss of the facilities that Barn Farm Plants and the other businesses who use the site provide as they are regularly used by parishioners and the café provides an important meeting place in a village that doesn't have many other facilities. The Parish Council has no objection in principle to the idea of a small in-keeping development on land in that area of the village but if possible would prefer for the businesses to remain alongside some new housing.**

23/02331/F and 23/02332/LB – Wardington Barn, Chacombe Road, Wardington. Change of Use of existing barn to 1 no dwelling (farmhouse). **The Parish Council support this application.**

51. Planning decisions received – None

23/00874/F and 23/00875/LB - The Bishops House, Wardington. Single storey extension to rear - Re-submission of 22/01178/F and 22/01179/LB. **Approved.**

23/01066/TCA - The Limes, Thorpe Road, Wardington. G1 x Apples - re-reduce by up to 1.5 metres. **Approved.**

23/01287/F - 1 The Greensward, Wardington. Single storey side and rear extension, level threshold entrance and the addition of a lift. **Approved.**

23/01541/LB - Home Farm House, Cropredy Lane, Williamscot. Insertion of four wall ties connecting the gable end wall to the chimney stack. **Approved.**

52. Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings

- 52.1 HS2 update – A HS2 driver has complained about the vegetation growing over the road opposite the Hare and Hounds forcing the lorries to drive over the white line which is particularly dangerous on the bend. **Clerk to inform Highways about this issue.**
- 52.2 Defibrillator/CPR training session – The session will take place on Sunday 10th September at 10:30am in the Memorial Hall. **Clerk to put a reminder about the session on the village Facebook page with an addition that responsible teenagers would also be welcome to attend. Clerk to forward details to Cllr Julie Burnett so she can publish the information in Williamscott.**
- 52.3 Maintenance/repairs to the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) in the village – The VAS appears to have been repaired but we are not sure who has completed the repair. As Cllr Bob Jarrett has been chasing Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) on this we assume it was OCC who completed the repair. **Cllr Jarrett will contact OCC to make them aware of the need to change the settings on the VAS in line with the new 20mph speed limit.**

53. Play Area

- 53.1 To receive the annual professional play equipment inspection report and agree any actions in response to this – **Clerk to contact Brent Harris to ask him to complete the required works raised by the report.**
- 53.2 To note receipt of the life expectancy report completed as part of the play equipment inspection – The PC confirmed receipt of the life expectancy report.

54. Damage to white posts on Mount Pleasant – The posts have been knocked down a couple of times recently and the PC has arranged and paid for their reinstatement.

55. Proposal to purchase a replacement bench for outside the Churchyard at a cost of up to £750 + VAT due to the poor condition of the existing bench – Proposed and agreed. **Clerk to order new bench and get delivered to Cllr George Page. Cllr Malcolm Patterson will arrange for the old bench to be removed and will retain the plaque from the bench.**

56. Finance

- 56.1 To note the bank balances and cashbook balances as at 30.08.2023 – Noted.

Bank balances

PC Current	£145.26
PC Savings	£22,668.06
Uncashed cheques	-£40.00
Total	£22,773.32

	WPC Main	Williamscott	Total
Cashbook balances as at 30.08.23	£15,707.92	£7,065.40	£22,773.32

- 56.2 To review the spend against budget to date – Cllrs confirmed receipt of the document with no questions raised.
- 56.3 To note and approve payment of the following invoices already paid using delegated powers: Proposed and agreed.

22.08.23	N R Prickett	Grass cutting 27th July	£402.00
22.08.23	Playsafety Ltd	Annual play equipment inspection	£155.40
22.08.23	Wardington Memorial Hall	Hall hire re defib training 10/09	£31.84
22.08.23	Brent Harris	White post repair	£44.90
22.08.23	Kirsty Buttle	Salary and expenses August	£458.03
22.08.23	HMRC	Tax August	£0.60

- 56.4 To note the following receipts: None
- 56.5 To approve payment of the following invoices: Proposed and agreed.

NEST	Pension August	£16.58
Brent Harris	5 x white post repair	£58.40

57. Information exchange – Tuthills have put in a temporary footpath which has slightly rerouted the previous footpath so it isn't as tight against their building. They have also submitted a request to divert the official right of way in line with their new footpath. The PC agreed that this amendment seems to be beneficial for users of the right of way but 1 parishioner has submitted an objection to the diversion so it has now had to be sent to an Inspector acting on behalf of the Secretary of State who will consider the matter but this may take over a year.

Cllr George Page raised concerns about some junctions that would be safer if white lines were painted on the road. It was agreed that Cllr Page should report these concerns on Fixmystreet.

Meeting closed @ 9:10pm

Date of next meeting – 17th October 2023

Signed..... Date.....